

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE ANALYSIS

The objective of this course is to gain an understanding of criminal investigative analysis/criminal profiling. This course will examine factors that influence serious violent criminals and their behavior. Throughout this course students will learn the history and methods of criminal investigative analysis/criminal profiling, how to analyze crime scenes for offender behaviors and characteristics utilizing critical thinking, science, and logical reasoning. Students will examine various case studies each week focusing on MO/Signature, crime scene behaviors, and crime linkage. This 12-week course will focus on offender typologies, patterns and motives of criminals, offender profiles and the psychological make-up of serial violent offenders.

Students successfully completing this pass/fail class will develop and/or enhance their skills toolbox. Though this class is not self-paced, students in the class do not meet live at any given time. Rather, assignments, discussion questions/board, a self-grading quiz, PowerPoints, lecture notes, etc. are provided each week covering a given chapter. Students then have a full week to read the weekly course materials, respond on the discussion board, take the quiz, review other materials, links and articles provided, and to submit a weekly assignment.

Students should expect a time commitment of 3-5 hours per week to gain a pass grade.

Course Outline

Week One

- Introduction/History of Criminal Profiling

Week Two

- Induction/Deduction/Behavioral Consistency

Week Three

- Methods of Criminal/Geographic Profiling

Week Four

- Crime Scene Characteristics

Week Five

- Interpreting Motive/Case Linkage

Week Six

- Investigating Relevance/Metacognition

Week Seven

- Staged Crime Scenes/Sexual Deviance/Stalking

Week Eight

- Sex Crimes/Serial Rape

Week Nine

- Victimology/False Reports/Arson

Week Ten

- Serial Harassment/Stalking/Bullying

Week Eleven

- Serial Murder

Week Twelve

- Mass Murder/Active Shooter